

Emergency Message to U.S. Citizens
U.S. Embassy, Manila
December 3, 2012

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO U.S. CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

Typhoon Bopha (Pablo)

This message is being issued to alert U.S. citizens residing or traveling in the Philippines that the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) issued alerts for a typhoon, with the international name of “Bopha” and the Philippine name of “Pablo” at 5:00 a.m. today, December 3, 2012. At 4:00 a.m. today, the eye of typhoon “Pablo” was located approximately 700 km southeast of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur (6.6°N, 132.9°E) with maximum sustained winds of 175 kph and maximum wind gusts up to 210 kph.

PAGASA reports the typhoon is forecast to move west-northwest at 24 kph. Typhoon “Pablo” is expected to be approximately 175 km east of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur by tomorrow morning, December 4, 2012. By Wednesday morning, December 5, 2012, the storm will be located approximately 80 km south of Iloilo City. By Thursday morning, December 6, 2012, the storm will be approximately 280 km northwest of Puerto Princesa City. Heavy rain, thunderstorms, and gusty winds are possible, which may trigger flashfloods and landslides. For further details, see the PAGASA Severe Weather Bulletin, <http://www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph>.

Please monitor the typhoon’s track by listening to the radio, watching television, or monitoring <http://metocph.nmci.navy.mil>, www.typhoon2000.ph, www.pagasa.dost.gov.ph, or <http://ndrrmc.gov.ph>. In the event the typhoon affects where you live, locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. Carry your travel documents at all times (i.e. U.S. passport, birth certificate, picture ID’s, etc.) or secure them in a safe, waterproof location. You should also contact friends and family in the United States with updates about your whereabouts. Additional information on emergency situations in the Philippines is available at www.redcross.org.ph or www.ndcc.gov.ph.

Additional information on storm preparedness may be found on the “Hurricane and Typhoon Season” page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in the Philippines may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

It is possible that weather conditions may require that the Embassy temporarily close. In the event of a weather-related closure, the Embassy will issue a message. Please continue to monitor the Embassy’s website, <http://manila.usembassy.gov/>, for updated information.

The Embassy is located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines. The Embassy's main telephone number is (632) 301-2000. American citizens needing to speak to the Embassy can dial this number and ask to be connected to the American Citizens Services (ACS) unit or with the Embassy Duty Officer (for calls outside of normal business hours). You can also contact the ACS unit through email at ACSInfoManila@state.gov or through the [Embassy Facebook page](#). Please visit [our website](#) for information on all services offered by the ACS unit.

Please consult the [Country Specific Information on the Philippines](#) available on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website, for general information about the Philippines. All U.S. citizens in the Philippines are urged to enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). Registering gives U.S. citizens access to updated information on travel and security within the Philippines and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada, or a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#), which contains all current [Travel Warnings](#) and [Travel Alerts](#), as well as the current [Worldwide Caution](#). You can also stay up to date by "following" the Bureau of Consular Affairs on [Twitter](#) and "liking" the Bureau of Consular Affairs on [Facebook](#).